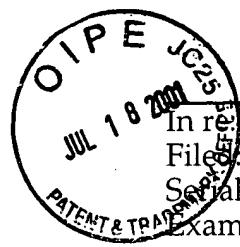


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re: the Application of: William Flanagan et al

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Docket No: ET00-005CIP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136 and 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4) for a four (4) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, dated 1/18/2001. The new period for response will expire 7/18/2001.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

Express Mail Label Number EJ180631099US Date of Deposit July 18, 2001. I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231


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A response to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is being filed herewith, together with a verified small entity statement, a declaration and power of attorney, an assignment and a request that it be recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

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